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COVID-19 Key Worker Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

Guidance for schools remaining open from Monday was posted in the early hours this morning (see link below). The guidance is clear **"If children can stay safely at home, they should."** This means that if one parent is not in a Key role this should be taken into consideration. My view as your Headteacher, based on the guidance, is that **all parents should endeavour to keep their children at home safely. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread across the Hinstock and Cheswardine community.** Outside of school parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work. We are opening for school hours from 8:45am to 3:15pm. At this point for next week only we will honour critical workers' WAC requests and payments and provide Breakfast and After school club from 7:30am to 8:45am and 3:15pm to 5:45 pm as normal. If you are a key worker and require these times then payment will be expected for next week in the first instance. The times we are open will be reviewed as we go forward through next week.

The Government have made it clear this week that this is no longer Education but 'Emergency Childcare' and although this is not the norm for us we will not be providing normal schooling during these hours.

In summary, the scientific guidance is clear the fewer children we have in school each day the greater chance we have of limiting the chance of the virus spreading.

These are testing times and it is our civic and moral duty to keep our community safe, whilst at the same time keeping our critical services operating.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?>

Please could you consider this information carefully and e-mail us if you feel your child requires a place before **1pm today**.

We will need the following information:

Child's name:

Parent 1 profession:

Parent 2 profession:



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